

#### TO CUT DOWN WAGES.

By Paying the Workingman in Cheap Silver Dollars.

Ex-Gov. Horace Boies, of Iowa, is franker than his fellow silverites, who pretend that their 50-cent-dollar scheme would benefit the working classes. In a recent interview he says:

"I have myself in this state two farms, paid for largely with money I have earned as a lawyer. One is a farm of 2,500 acres of land, and the other contains 1,000 acres. With the present price of labor and the present price paid for farm products, no man in the world could take either of these farms, even if I should present him with the ground, and make a dollar out of it. I mean, of course, that he could not equip the farm and pay interest on the money invested in the equipment and wages for labor out of the income he would get by selling the products. A farmer who works himself and is assisted by the labor of sons and daughters could make a small farm pay. But no farm is profitable when conducted on the basis of a manufacturing business. Cheap and abundant money is the only remedy for this intolerable state of things."

This is a candid admission that he thinks that wages are now too high, and that in some way free silver will give the farmers cheaper labor. The mere fact of an increase in the price of farm products would not make farming profitable, if, as is claimed by most of the sixteen to one leaders, wages would be doubled along with doubled prices of everything the farmer buys. Mr. Boies clearly expects that the result of "cheap and abundant money" will be the practical reduction of the price paid for farm labor. This would no doubt be a very good thing for a rich man with 2,500 acres of land. But what does the poor laborer think of the scheme? Are the American people ready to vote for a devalued currency which will reduce the wages of the workers?

Next in importance to the confession that free silver would cut down wages is the admission that "a farmer who works himself can make a small farm pay." What kind of farmers does Mr. Boies expect to see prosper? Men who have bought up big tracts of land which they hold out of use in the expectation of selling it at a high price, and in the meantime are working it with hired labor? That is not the kind of farmers which Americans wish to see thrive. The man who owns and works his own land is the ideal farmer of this country. The big estate with its "gangs" of hired men may do while new territories are being opened up, but the welfare of the public depends on the men who cultivate the soil owning the land they till. Ex-Gov. Boies thinks himself entitled to an income from his land without working it himself, he is very much mistaken. No farmer should prosper who simply "owns land" and expects to make a profit out of other men's labor. That under free silver a few men could turn cheap money to speculate in land and get rich out of the toil of the underpaid laborers is the very best reason why the masses should vote against it.

Mr. Boies admits that the farmer who works can make his farm pay. But in another part of the same interview he says that farms bought 20 or 25 years ago cannot be made to pay interest on their cost. This is a strong argument against cheap money, for it was the government inflation of the war period which put the price of land so high that the men who bought farms have been struggling ever since to pay for them. The heavy mortgages, with high interest rates, which are crushing so many farmers, have their origin in the high speculative price of land caused by the cheap money craze of the last generation. Free coinage would repeat the evils brought about by the over-speculation of greenbacks, and while not helping the present owners of farms would benefit speculators and make it harder for the millions of landless and homeless men to get a piece of land on which to make a living.

Mr. Boies is evidently a sincere man and is advocating free silver with the idea that it will help men like himself who own big tracts of land. But the only results of that policy would be the repudiation of debts, the reduction of wages and the enrichment of the men who speculate in land but do not work for themselves, he is not a safe guide for honest citizens. Whidden-Graham

#### Farm Wages and Profits.

Ex-Gov. Boies, of Iowa, says he cannot pay the present rate of wages and make his 2,500-acre farm pay. He says that no farmer who has to hire his help can make money out of forcing under the gold standard. Ex-Congressman Bland says that wages of all kinds will rise under free coinage.

It would naturally be inferred from Boies' statement that he wants free coinage to lower farm wages so that the big farmers can make money out of the labor of others. Bland's opinion evidently is that free coinage would be a good thing for the farm laborer and, therefore, so far as wages are concerned, a bad thing for the boss farmers.

The two leading free coinage advocates should get together. It might also be well for farmers and "farmbands" to investigate these conflicting statements.

#### Savings Bank Depositors, Awake.

All the great savings banks stand, with the exception of California, coded for the gold plank at St. Louis," says the Boston Transcript. "It is safe to say that the vote for the gold plank stood for nearly seven-eighths of the total deposits, and perhaps more." These deposits, amounting to more than \$1,700,000,000, are the rainy-day savings, as the Transcript says, of the "rolling millions" about whom the silverites are so greatly concerned. The Transcript adds: "Reckoning their dependents, these depositors stand for a very considerable proportion of the entire population of the United States. If free coinage triumphs, these deposits will finally be cut in halves."

#### ALLIGATOR SENSE.

They Don't Have Much Before They Are 100 Years Old.

"Do you know," said Col. Ben Cason, leaning back in his chair, "that alligators are the most affectionate creatures on earth? It's a fact. And the sense they have! They're wonders. How do I know? Haven't I educated 'em? Ain't there an alligator 100 years old in Des Allemant Bayou that would work his tail to a bone for me if I asked to? Say—you make me tired. What are you laughing at? You get a gallon of molasses and a long-necked bottle, and I'll show you how to tame alligators. It's the easiest thing on earth. They're so affectionate."

"On June 23, 1885, I went to Des Allemant Bayou fishing. A negro named Baptiste Portier had just caught an alligator 100 years old. I could tell by the claws around him. You can't train a young alligator. That's funny, isn't it? I asked Baptiste to sell him to me. I paid him \$4.00, and Jim, that's the alligator's name, was mine. I put a chain around his neck. Then I got him a long-necked bottle, filled it with molasses, and walked up to him. He opened his jaws to taste me. That was my chance. I shook the neck of the bottle in his mouth, just back of his ears, where an alligator has no teeth. I tilted the bottle up. Jim tasted the molasses and began wagging his tail. He broke Baptiste's leg, but that was an accident. He was as gentle as a setter dog from the minute he tasted the molasses. I taught him a lot of pretty tricks: how to catch flies, how to stand on his tail, how to chew tobacco. Finally, I harnessed him to a boat. He looked around at me to see what I wanted. I reached over the side of the boat and pushed him a little. Then he understood. Off he went. When I pulled on the rope I had around his neck he was nonplussed for a minute, but he soon caught on, and now when I go to Des Allemant's I never have to hire anybody to paddle my canoe. Jim attends to carrying me anywhere I want to go."

"Say, do you know Jim is as glad to see me whenever I pass that way as if he was a relative of mine. What's that? Of course, it's the truth. Ask Baptiste. He takes care of Jim for me while I am in New Orleans."

#### A New Use for Old Boots.

The following story is told of an American millionaire's widow who was noted for her magnificence and other jewels. At a certain ball, noticing that a friend of hers was admiring her diamonds, she asked:

"I see that you are admiring this diamond," pointing to the rich jewel which adorned her throat.

"Yes," he replied, "I certainly do admire it, and still more the wearer."

"Don't you think," she said, "that I am an adventurous person to travel unattended as I am with so much jewelry about my person?"

The gentleman assented, and she added:

"I'll tell you how I manage it. When I go to bed at night I put my dead dear husband's boots outside my chamber-door, and they afford me protection against robbery and invasion."

#### Beecher's Ring.

Navy persons in and out of Boston know well the little shop under the gauze familiarly known as "Beecher's." It has been the haunt in past years of many a prominent man and woman, and the owner has been consulted by a little army of notabilities regarding rare and costly gems. Some twenty years ago Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, whose fondness for gems was almost a passion and who never visited Boston without stopping into this little shop, found here an uncommonly beautiful aquamarine ring, which he bought and wore for some time. During the last visit of Miss Ellen Terry to this country the actress lunched with Mr. and Mrs. Beecher. In the course of her stay with them she caught sight of this ring on Mr. Beecher's hand and asked to examine it. When it was handed to her and she displayed great enthusiasm over it she kissed it passionately several times. "Why do you do that?" inquired Mr. Beecher. "Simply because I love these gems," was her reply. "Well, if you care so much for the ring as that," said Mr. Beecher, "please keep the ring and wear it for my sake." Last spring while Miss Terry was in Boston she hunted up this little shop and passed some time in looking at the gems and talking with Mr. R. M. Parker, the owner. Although he was asked not what had become of the ring that Mr. Beecher gave her, "I saw it for years," she answered. "After his death it became more and more foolish than ever. But on the day that Queen Victoria knighted Henry Irving, I took the ring from my finger and gave it to him in honor of the occasion. Sir Henry now wears Mr. Beecher's ring, and will wear it as long as he lives," Boston Letter.

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#### A SNAKE MAKES A MEAL OF MOCKING BIRDS.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. L. Williams, recently married and most happily situated in their elegant home at Pt. Pleasant, had among the many cheerful objects of the household four young mocking birds, fine singers, whose morning notes were heard from the large cage in the hallway and were highly appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Williams at early morn daily. One morning last week they failed to hear the usual merry carolling of the birds and an investigation of the cage was made by Mrs. Williams who, upon hearing the cage was startled to find a large snake, four feet long, coiled up in the center of the cage his expanded body revealing the fact that two of the birds had been swallowed by his snakehead and the other two pretty songsters were lying dead at his side, having received the deadly fangs preparatory to entering them down. Why the snake did not swallow them is left to conjecture and it is thought two were sufficient, at least, two were enough to swell his snakehead to such size as to make him a prisoner and prevent his escape after devorring them, and poor birds gave him a pain in the stomach.

But how the snake got into the house puzzled the doctor; but he solved the question by making a thorough search and finding the snake's coat that had been shed in an old chimney further up the stairs, and at night the snake came down stairs and tried to get out, the doctor feeling confident that he had left it around his feet at the back door as he went after water just before bed time, but thinking at the time that it was the eastern rope he had come in contact with. The snake crawled from room to hall where the birds were and it was a remarkable fact how he reached the interior of the bird cage, as the reptile had to climb a smooth surface wall ten feet high in order to get to the birds, but this he did and when discovered the cage, birds, snake and all were taken out in the yard and the snake killed by the doctor. —New Madrid Record.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.**

COLLEGE, Mo., July 15, 1896.  
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WILLIAM PARR,  
Clerk of the County Court,  
Cape Girardeau, County, Mo.

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#### Would Stand No Fooling.

A western evangelist said the other day: "I don't allow bunch warmers to hear me time after time and year after year. They have either got to let me out, make a confession, stand naked, or give their room to the Hexen, or leave."

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